INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES CHECKLIST (OPTIONAL)

Name – Participant:	

SKILL AREAS	POTENTIAL ACTION PLAN	NOTES
EDUCATIONAL PLANNING	WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS	
High School Completion	☐ Develop plan to finish high school: ☐ Diploma ☐ HSED ☐ Other:	
Post High School Planning	Explore and choose post high school option: GED / HSED Technical school Apprenticeship Job Corp Military College Other:	
Applications	Fill out applications	
Financial Aid Resources	□ Submit applications □ Identify and apply for various: □ Grants □ Loans □ Scholarships □ Visit / tour school you plan to attend	
	Other:	
CAREER EXPLORATION	□ Gather information about specific jobs / careers □ Complete a career interest inventory through high school or MATC □ Conduct informational interviews with adults working in three careers of interest □ Arrange to job shadow adults in jobs / careers of interest □ Other:	
DOCUMENTS Personal Identification Who Am I?	□ Obtain and gather important documents for adulthood: □ Birth certificate □ Social security card □ Driver's license □ ID card □ Medical card □ Medical records □ High school or GED diploma □ School transcripts □ Work permit □ Selective service (males) □ Citizenship papers □ Death certificate □ Life book □ Other documents:	
EMPLOYMENT		
Job Seeking Skills	 □ Explore positive work values and qualities employers look for □ Identify various job seeking methods □ Use various job seeking methods □ Job center: register on job net □ Gather information to complete job applications (personal data sheet) 	

Division of Children and Family Services CFS-2251 (11/2002)

SKILL AREAS	POTENTIAL ACTION PLAN WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS	NOTES
EMPLOYMENT (cont.)	Thoroughly and accurately complete job applications	
Job Seeking Skills (cont.)	Practice and conduct telephone inquiries about job openings (cold	
-	calls)	
	Create a resume	
	☐ Discuss how to prepare for a job interview☐ Role play mock interviews	
	Attend "real" interviews	
	☐ Explore discriminatory interview questions	
	Obtain employment	
	☐ Work schedule☐ Transportation	
Employment	Understand forms related to taxes; e.g., 1040EZ, W-2, W-4	
. ,	☐ Complete and file tax return by required date	
	Understand pay stub deductions:	
	☐ Gross vs. net pay ☐ State / federal taxes	
	☐ FICA	
	Learn about fringe benefits	
	 ☐ Discuss interpersonal skills needed to maintain employment ☐ Practice positive work relations with: 	
	☐ Practice positive work relations with: ☐ Customers	
	☐ Coworkers	
	☐ Boss	
	☐ Role play job related problems using: ☐ Conflict resolution	
	Assertiveness skills	
	Learn how to terminate employment appropriately	
	☐ Learn how to identify harassment or discrimination on the job ☐ Learn how to file a complaint with the Equal Rights Division	
MONEY MANACEMENT		
MONEY MANAGEMENT	 ☐ Record income / expenses for one month ☐ Identify costs of transition to independent living (furnishings, rent, 	
	security deposit, other living expenses)	
	☐ Develop savings plan (long and short term)	
	☐ Develop monthly budget ☐ Obtain:	
	☐ Obtain: ☐ Savings account	
	☐ Checking account	
	☐ Money orders	
	 Bank and checking account exercises (check writing, balance checkbook, loans) 	
	☐ Budgeting simulation	
CONSUMER AWARENESS		
Impact of Advertising	☐ Discuss / make collage on effects of magazine / television ads	
Money Saving Strategies	Utilize comparison shopping strategies:	
	☐ Shop for sales (calculate percent off) ☐ Generic vs. name brand	
	☐ Wholesale vs. retail	
	☐ Consumer Reports magazine	
	Explore and utilize tips for saving money while grocery shopping:	
	☐ Coupons ☐ Unit price comparison	
	☐ Sales	
	☐ Eating out vs. preparing food	
	Research various fraudulent scams that may impact you as a consumer; i.e., vacation, employment, car repair	
Legal Regulations to	Identify laws that protect consumers:	
Protect Consumers	☐ Three day right to cancel	
	☐ Car repair	
	☐ Lemon law☐ Telephone telemarketers	

Division of Children and Family Services CFS-2251 (11/2002)

SKILL AREAS	POTENTIAL ACTION PLAN WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS	NOTES	
CONSUMER AWARENESS (cont.) Legal Regulations to Protect Consumers (cont.)	Analyze a sweepstakes offer you receive in the mail Department of Consumer Protection Agency: Explore how they help consumers Learn the process for filing complaints Other:		
Credit	How to establish credit How to access credit rating Advantages of using credit cards Disadvantages to using credit cards		
Delinquency Status Adult Criminal Justice Adult Rights and Responsibilities	Review current legal record (charges, fines, restitution) Learn rights of arrest (Miranda) Learn differences between misdemeanor, felony, and violation Learn legal penalties for various crimes charged as an adult Learn how to access affordable legal counsel Learn rights of being an adult ("On Being 18" book) Learn how to register for selective service Voting - Learn: How to register Where to vote Learn how to contact elected governmental representatives Understand consequences of signing a legal contract Learn responsibilities of jury duty Other:		
GETTING AROUND Transportation Options and Resources Vehicle Ownership	□ Develop transportation plan: Needs vs. wants □ Learn how to read: □ City map □ State map □ Bus schedule □ Obtain: □ Bus pass □ Driver's permit □ Driver's license □ Car pool □ Learn how to shop for first vehicle □ Write down realistic costs of vehicle ownership; vehicle payments, maintenance, repairs, gas, license, insurance, etc. □ Explore types of vehicle insurance; e.g. collision, liability, etc. □ Discuss ongoing upkeep / maintenance on vehicle □ Other:		
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT Personal Interests Leadership	 □ Examine current friendships and expanding / changing friends □ Identify current and new areas of interest (hobbies, sports, etc.) □ Get involved in a hobby or organizations reflecting interests □ Participate in youth leadership activities: □ Trainings □ Conference □ Youth boards □ Independent living groups □ Camp counselor □ Safe Night □ Other: 		
Community Activities	 □ Volunteer in an activity that helps your community Identify community activities and level of interest □ Other: 		

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICESDivision of Children and Family Services
CFS-2251 (11/2002)

SKILL AREAS	POTENTIAL ACTION PLAN	NOTES
	WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS	
PERSONAL SUPPORT AND		
COMMUNITY RESOURCES Personal Support Networks	☐ Identify and assess current personal support system (self, eco-	
r ersonal oupport Networks	maps)	
	Identify and develop personal support system for adulthood	
Community Resources	Learn about various community resources and how to access	
	Learn how to use the telephone book to locate services	
	List and visit resources you will use as an adult (scavenger hunt)	
VALUES AND	Identify values and impact of values on decisions and outcomes	
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS	Identify situations that may have negative impact on future (alcohol /	
	other drug use, poor job skills, criminal record, early pregnancy, poor choices, relationships, etc.)	
	Identify alternative choices	
	☐ Identify current style of making decisions / problem solving / dealing	
	with conflict	
	Identify current problems / conflicts and how they are being resolved	
	Identify and role play new strategies for above. Use tools if helpful (SODAS, satellite decisions)	
	☐ Identify and plan towards long and short term measurable goals	
	☐ Identify current emotional coping strategies	
	☐ Identify and practice new emotional coping strategies	
	☐ Identify and practice ways to develop positive self-esteem	
	Identify and practice stress management techniques	
	Identify and practice ways to deal with anger	
	Identify and practice appropriate social skills for a variety of situations	
	☐ Identify and practice messages that body language conveys	
	☐ Identify and practice assertive communication skills	
	☐ Identify and practice time management techniques	
HEALTH AND HYGIENE		
Medical Needs and Issues	☐ Gather health history information	
	Identify current medical needs:	
	☐ Physical ☐ Dental	
	☐ Vision	
	☐ Medications	
	☐ Therapy	
	Mental; e.g., depression and / or abuse issues	
	☐ AODA ☐ Identify plan for how above medical and mental health needs will be	
	taken care of in adulthood	
	☐ Visit community health care clinic; explore low cost health care	
	Call to make medical appointments:	
	Obtain prescriptions	
	☐ Investigate the appropriate use of visits to: ☐ Doctor's office	
	☐ Emergency room	
	☐ Urgent care facility	
Health Insurance	☐ 911 ☐ Explore options for medical insurance (include BadgerCare)	
Preventive Health	Identify plan to stay healthy (diet, exercise, yearly doctor and dentist	
	visits, etc.)	
	Learn how to care for self when ill (cold, flu, sore throat, fever):	
	☐ Take a temperature ☐ Over-the-counter medications	
First Aid	Learn various first aid methods	
Hygiene	Practice good personal hygiene	
• •		l .

Division of Children and Family Services CFS-2251 (11/2002)

SKILL AREAS	POTENTIAL ACTION PLAN WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS	NOTES
SKILL AREAS RELATIONSHIPS		NOTES
Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Roommates Insurance	Identify factors important to consider when renting an apartment Explore housing options (apartment, room, co-op) Call about two apartments Visit two apartments Do household furnishings inventory / wish list Obtain affordable furnishings Start-up kit Learn about: Lease Application terms Security deposit Check-in / check-out forms Sublet / sublease Complete housing application Review / sign lease Learn how to turn on utilities Visit tenant resource center Learn about tenant / landlord rights and responsibilities Learn how to identify and report housing discrimination with consumer protection agency Identify qualities desired in a roommate Interview potential roommate (roommate questionnaire) Develop and sign a roommate agreement Role play roommate conflict resolution Learn about renter's insurance and costs Other:	
Nutrition Meal Planning Food Handling, Storage / Spoilage	 □ Identify own eating habits □ Learn about food pyramid, nutrients, and healthy eating habits □ Practice healthy eating habits □ Plan menu for one week using food pyramid guidelines; breakfast, lunch, dinner / supper □ Create cookbook of favorite recipes □ Make grocery list and shop for ingredients using unit price comparisons. Use budget guidelines. □ Practice safe food handling techniques; proper refrigeration of leftovers, thawing, handling raw meats, sanitation □ Identify signs of food spoilage: 	
Meal Preparation	☐ Check expiration dates☐ Prepare one meal per week for others	

Division of Children and Family Services CFS-2251 (11/2002)

SKILL AREAS		POTENTIAL ACTION PLAN	NOTES
		WITH SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES AND TOOLS	
HOME MANAGEMENT	IН	Keep room clean, make bed	
		Do chores to keep home clean	
		Do laundry	
		Practice how to:	
		Test smoke detector / change battery	
		Reset circuit breaker or change fuse	
		Unclog toilet:	
		Stop toilet from running	
		Change light bulb	
		Use a vacuum:	
		Change a vacuum bag	
		Other simple home repairs	
		☐ Use cleaning products for various jobs	
		Other:	
EMERGENCY AND SAFETY			
SKILLS			
Emergency Situations		Identify various emergency situations and how to respond:	
		Poisoning	
		☐ Gas leak	
		☐ Fire	
		☐ Car accident	
		Medical emergency	
		Rape	
0, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	IН	Identify community resources to deal with various emergencies	
Street and Personal Safety		Identify potential personal safety concerns (street violence, date	
		rape, sexual / physical abuse) Practice strategies to stay safe:	
		Personal safety awareness	
		Self-defense techniques	
		Home safety (stop mail and paper, lights on timers, etc. when	
		away)	
		☐ Check smoke detector battery	
Hazardous Materials		Discuss proper usage, storage and disposal of hazardous materials:	
		☐ Household cleaners	
		☐ Used oil / gasoline	
		☐ Antifreeze	
		☐ Paint thinner	
		☐ Varnish	
		☐ Paint	
		☐ Prescription drugs	
Fire Extinguisher		Discuss proper use of fire extinguisher to put out fire	
		Other:	